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Construction of a hostel for the Law College, Madras.

* 769 Q.—SRI M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of students now studying in the Law College, Madras;

(b) how many of them come from the mufassal; and

(c) when the construction of the hostel for the Law College will be taken up?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) 1,412.

" (b) 1,203.

" (c) There was a proposal to construct a hostel building for the Law College students but it had to be deferred. The question of making other arrangements is under consideration."

MR. SPEAKER :—" This subject has come before the House a number of times. So I pass on to the next question."

Improvement of the sanitary condition of the slums in the City.

* 770 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) how many slums in the City were attacked by cholera during the months of August–October 1953;

(b) how many persons were attacked and admitted in hospitals;

(c) how many died;

(d) whether the Government have received any representation that the Corporation of Madras are indifferent to the sanitary condition of the slums and are discriminating the hutting grounds as Corporation slums, Government slums and private slums and do not treat them alike in this matter; and

(e) the action taken by the Government to improve the sanitary conditions of all the slums in the City?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) 49 Sir.

" (b) 540 Sir.

" (c) 69 Sir.

" (d) Yes Sir, but the allegation was not correct. The Corporation has been doing its best to improve the general sanitation of all slums.

" (e) The Government have made provision in the Budget Estimate for 1954–55 for the payment of a half grant of Rs. 1½ lakhs to the Corporation of Madras towards the cost of improvements carried out by it to certain slums on Government lands. They have also brought forward the Madras Slum Improvement (Acquisition of Land) Bill, 1954 which was passed by the Legislature in January 1954. The Bill is

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awaiting the assent of the President of India. Since the preparation of this answer, the President's assent has been received."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to let us know the exact population of slum dwellers in the City of Madras and what is the percentage that has been affected by cholera?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The number of slums in the City is 241 and the population is 265,000."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Government have received any representation regarding the death of a female patient in the I.D. Hospital, Tondiarpet on account of improper treatment in the hospital and . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" What has that to do with the main question?"

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know whether the slum-dwellers are provided with facilities for drinking water, and if so from what source?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I suppose the slum-dwellers make use of the protected water-supply in the city."

Sinking of filter-point tube wells in South Arcot.

* 771 *Q.*—SRI S. RADHAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any amount is allotted for the year **1954–55** for sinking filter-point tube wells in South Arcot district;

(*b*) if so, the total amount allotted and the number of such wells to be sunk for that amount; and

(*c*) whether any minimum qualification is required from the ryots to apply for a tube well of that kind?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) A total sum of Rs. 1,17,200 has been tentatively allotted for the sinking of 40 such wells.

" (*c*) As the wells are sunk on ryots' lands at their cost, no minimum qualification has been prescribed. Loans in the shape of pumping machinery up to a limit of Rs. 2,500 per individual, are also granted to the ryots concerned. These ryots should be solvent to the extent required and should also produce two sureties each."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know for how long these filter points will be serviceable?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" We have no experience. We have just started these filter points. They